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## Sibal Joins GOP Outlook On Cuba

The Republican minority in Congress intends to keep pressing for the facts on Cuba so that the American people can keep fully informed on the situation, Cong. Abner W. Sibal said this week.

In the first of a series of WTIC radio broadcasts, Connecticut's only Republican legislator in Washington said:

"As the only member from my State of a greatly outnumbered minority to Congress, I shall support the Administration whenever I think it is right, but just as wholeheartedly oppose it whenever I think it is wrong, associating myself with what I regard to be my party's progressive elements.

"By offering constructive criticism and counter-proposals whenever necessary, a minority party fulfills its responsibility to the people. A party out of power is still not without influence and it must use this influence to help define the issues so the people themselves can decide.

"In recent days, we have seen this influence being brought to bear in the Cuban situation. The minority party, principally spearheaded by Senator Keating of New York, has brought steady pressure to bear on the Administration to let the people know the facts of the Soviet buildup in Cuba. Under this pressure, the Administration finally staged a detailed public briefing, led by the Secretary of Defense himself.

"The secretary confirmed what most of us already know, namely that a Soviet fortress is being constructed in Cuba. He presented strong evidence, based on extremely accurate reconnaissance photographs, that no Soviet offensive missiles are in Cuba, but he acknowledged that photographs were his only source of accurate information. Earlier in the same day, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency told members of the Senate that photographs alone could not tell the whole story and that the true situation could not be known except through trained inspectors on the scene.

"The Cuban situation is very critical, in my opinion. A powerful source of subversion and military threat to the entire hemisphere remains in Cuba and appears to be getting stronger. It is surely self-evident that the Soviet Union has not sent 17,000 troops to Cuba for vacations in Havana. While we in the Republican minority will co-operate with the President wholeheartedly in every step he thinks necessary to remove this peril to our country, we mean to continue pressing for the facts so that we and the American people may keep fully informed. ..."

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